

The regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Richard Scott on January 12, 2016 at 9:00 am. Scott opened with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner
Cindy McLoud, Commissioner
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
Tina Adamson, County Administrator

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Scott moved and Oswald seconded to accept the minutes with two corrections. All Commissioners voted Affirmative. The two corrections are adding the word "general" to the mailings and adding the word "County" to Administrator.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed. One voucher was questioned. McLoud moved and Oswald seconded to approve all vouchers except for the District Attorney's voucher. Administrator Adamson will call in regards to the District Attorney's voucher and the increase in fees. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed and one item was added. Scott moved and Oswald seconded the motion to add the bid for repairs to the Bransgrove building to old business. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

Scott moved and Oswald seconded to seek legal counsel concerning the Counties legal publications. All voted Affirmative. The BOCC came out of executive session at 10:20 am.

At 10:30 am Betsy Barnett and Kayla Murdock entered the meeting to discuss the new newspaper. Scott said the county will use the Kiowa County Press for publication of all legal notices for the 2016 year. Scott said the Kiowa County Press meets all the legal criteria required. Scott also stated that the County Attorney advised the new paper does not meet the criteria at this time. The Kiowa County Independent is required to publish for 52 consecutive weeks before the county can use them for legal notifications. Scott went on to say the county however will send their legal notices and ads to the new paper in addition to the Kiowa County Press to support the Kiowa County Independent to ensure that Kiowa County would have a news paper and promote economic development. Barnett asked to go on record stating her concerns for the county paying double for advertising and legal publication and the added burden to the taxpayers. The Commissioners said they had set some funds aside for this type of situation and felt that to support the new newspaper would benefit the County. Scott did state that in 2017 the Commissioners will review this matter again due to the fact the Kiowa County Independent will still have not reached the 52 week threshold of consecutive issues. Barnett thanked the board for their support and time.

Old Business:

McCloud provided an overview of the training she assisted with in October. There will be a team of five that will travel to Washington D.C. for a Stepping Up Summit in April. McCloud will be joining as one of the five members.

On January 6, 2016; the Commissioners attended a Community Corrections meeting in Lamar, Colorado. McCloud provided information on the Jail Diversion Initiative she had in 2015. The Community Corrections Center (Advantage Treatment Center) in Sterling will be holding a walk through of their new facility. This facility will have programs to assist those with drug-and-alcohol issues and provide ways to divert ones from straying further into bad habits. The Commissioners all said they would like to view this new facility.

McCloud said the website is running well and there is an updated calendar.

The Sheridan Lake Water District was discussed. Adamson will contact the Water District and will choose a date to hold a special meeting in Sheridan Lake.

Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to authorize Dennis Pearson to approve the bid of the Bransgrove building pending proof of insurance to Jeff Meyer. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

Reports were provided, reviewed and signed.

Donald attended the Fair board meeting. Everything went well.

Time-off Request Form. Oswald moved and McCloud seconded to approve all time off requests. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

Undersheriff Six and Josh Swanson entered the meeting at 2:00 pm. Undersheriff Six introduced Deputy Swanson as the newest addition to the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Swanson left the meeting after being welcomed to the community.

Undersheriff Six presented information in regards to defensive driving and the certificates he and Deputy Swanson had received. Undersheriff Six requested permission for himself and Deputy Swanson to provide defensive driving for fire and emergency personnel. He stated that he would be able to provide defensive driving for the county employees. The Commissioners agreed that this would be a great idea. The Undersheriff thanked the Commissioners for their time and exited the meeting.

McCloud moved and Oswald seconded to approve the renewal of the Liquor License for Eads Golf Club. All Commissioner voted Affirmative.

The DTR Tower Site Lease was discussed and the new lease will have some revisions to it prior to being submitted for approval.

Adamson will speak with Maintenance Foreman Crain in regards to the elevator and the new Conveyance Maintenance Control Program requirements for the courthouse elevator and who we currently have contracted for elevator maintenance.

Event Planner, Elise Crocket; met with the Commissioners to request permission to hold a Valentine's Day Dinner for February 14, 2016. Crockett said she had also made plans for horse carriage rides to go along with a nice meal and conversation.

Next Commissioners meeting will be January 28, 2016 at 9:00 am.

With no further discussions, Oswald moved and McLoud seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 pm. All Commissioners voted Affirmative.

Delisa L. Weeks, County Clerk

Richard Scott, Chairman of the Board